



Celebrating the sacred, we gather in loving community
to nourish souls and live justice into the world.

The Path of Belonging

SEPTEMBER WORSHIP SERVICES, 10:30 A.M.

Sunday, September 4

We are all longing to go home...

Rev. Sara Hayman, Worship Leader
Marta Rieman, Worship Associate

Plate Split Sunday to benefit MUUSAN

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Starhawk writes, “we are all longing to go home to some place we have never been—a place half-remembered and half-envisioned we can only catch glimpses of from time to time. Community...”

In this service, we invite you to consider what you must be willing to do, risk and share of yourself to be able to experience and create a sense of belonging in community that’s healing and life giving.

Sunday, September 11

Ingathering & Water Communion Service:

I’m gonna let myself be lifted!

Rev. Sara Hayman, Worship Leader
Jill Jeude, Worship Associate

UUUCE Monthly Hike at Great Head Trail in Acadia at 2pm!

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This Sunday we will celebrate Ingathering—the beginning of a new church year together—with a Water Communion ritual. If you are attending in-person, please bring a small vial of water from a source sacred and soul-nourishing to you to pour into our common vessel.

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SEPTEMBER SERVICES CONTINUED

Those participating virtually in worship are invited (encouraged even!) to email Suzanne Aubrey (suzanneaubrey57@gmail.com) a photo of you by water, or a brief video (20 seconds or less) of you pouring water into a vessel. If you need assistance with sending this photo or video, feel free to reach out to Suzanne. She's happy to help you!

Sunday, September 18 **Human, Humane, Humus.**

Rev. Mark Worth, Guest Worship Leader
Helen Kazura, Worship Associate

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What does it mean to be human? We sometimes describe our faith as Humanism. We belong to this earth; we come from humus. Do we have humility? How about humor? Can we be humane? How are these words and ideas related?

Sunday, September 25 **Zoom-only Service**

UU Belong: The Path of Covenant

Jim Fisher, Guest Worship Leader

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Our choice of belonging and welcoming others to belong is deeply rooted in Unitarian and Universalist teachings. Our path of covenant is hilly with rocks and beautiful waterfalls. Our path of covenant unfolds before us only as we move forward. Let us walk together.

Jim Fisher is a long-time UU and member of our Unitarian Universalist Church of Ellsworth.



UUCE PLATE SPLIT FOR THE UPCOMING MONTHS:

July-Sept 2022 MUUSAN

A statewide advocacy and public policy network anchored in our UU faith, with primary issues of democracy in action, health care for all, climate change, and racial justice.

MINISTRY MATTERS

REV SARA HAYMAN

Click video image to right to view video of Rev Sara 's Ministry Matters column.



Dear Ones,

Welcome to our monthly newsletter, full of information and invitations.

We're grateful you're here and a part of our UUCE community!

Welcome into this time of transition as we begin a new church year together.

Welcome into this beloved spiritual community and the conversations we'll have while exploring the monthly Soul Matters theme of The Path of Belonging in worship and small group ministry circles.

Welcome, beloveds! We're so glad you're here!

love,

Rev. Sara





Join a Small Group!

“Small Group Ministry (SGM) offers a way to explore life’s ultimate questions, deepen your spiritual growth, and develop a richer sense of connectedness and community. SGM creates a sacred time where the stories of our lives are heard.” ~ Rev. Dr. Thandeka, UU Minister

Our UUCE Small Groups meet each month for 2 hours. Some meet in-person and some via Zoom. The new year starts in September and groups meet through June. (You can change to a new group each year.)

Small Groups are facilitated by either a group facilitator or through shared facilitating (a different member of the group takes a turn each month). During their time together, members reflect on thought-provoking topics that follow the church’s monthly theme.

Here’s what people are saying

“I was new to the congregation and my Small Group gave me a way to get to know people and feel like I belonged.” “I enjoy thinking about and hearing others’ perspectives on the monthly topic.” “I continue to participate in SGM because of the connection with the people. We are a caring group and I believe that we are “there for each other.” "I like meeting with a group of close friends who have interesting thoughts and experiences to share."

Contact **Mary Murray** to learn more about Small Groups and to find the group that’s just right for YOU! marydmurray@comcast.net or (239) 699-0150 phone or text.

Check out our Small Group Ministry page on our website at: <https://uellsworth.org/small-group-ministry/>

RE SUMMER GREETINGS!

Late Summer Greetings friends,

Your Religious Education Committee has met several times in August re-imagining what RE offerings might look like. We have polled parents to hear what best suits their family's needs. We are in need of committed adults to volunteer as Guides for our Spirit Play and early elementary classes. Please contact Christine Bowman if you are interested in or need more information about our Spirit Play offering for children ages 4-7 and Anne Ossanna or Linda Uberseder for information about our early elementary classes. Anne is taking one more long weekend this summer to camp. She will be off from September 2nd through September 5th.



September Religious Education Calendar:

Sunday, September 4th: Anne is on vacation, In-person RE TBD.

Sunday, September 11th: All Ages Ingathering Worship Service, no Religious Education Offerings

Sunday, September 18th: In-person RE Covenant discussion during Multi-Platform worship.

Sunday, September 25th: ZOOM only Worship Service, no RE offerings.



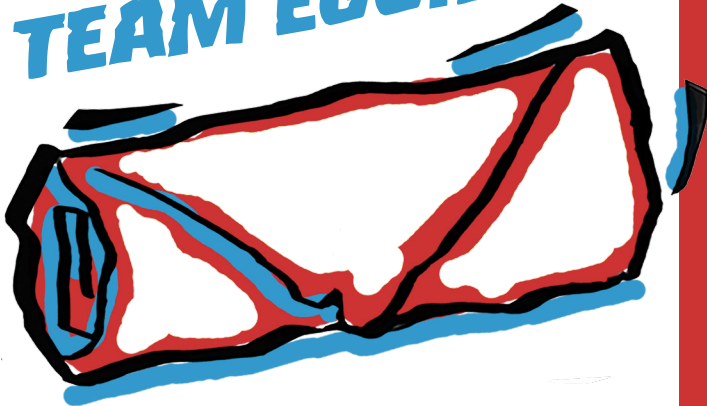
COMMON GROUND FAIR

UUCE is still looking for a few more volunteers to help out for the Common Ground Fair:
Thursday - Sunday, September 22 - September 25
in Unity, Maine.

If you would like to join TEAM EGGROLL by volunteering for this event, please contact Esther (UUCE Egg Roll Booth Volunteer Coordinator):
elorpol@gmail.com.

Click video image to right to view video of CJ Lammers' explanation of what volunteering for TEAM EGGROLL can mean for you!

**JOIN
TEAM EGGROLL**





2ND SHAMANIC JOURNEY GATHERING

**SEPTEMBER 2 5:15-7:00
OUTDOOR SANCTUARY**

Experience the spiritual practice of shamanic journeys for healing of self and others, support for the earth, and visionary inspirations accompanied by drumming. We will gather at 5:15 and begin at 5:30. Bring a frame drum or rattle if you would like to join in the drumming, and you can journey without a drum. Linda Laing, Evelyn Foster and Mary Murray will lead this event. Contact Mary marydmurray@comcast.net 239-699-0150 for more information. We will meet in the church sanctuary if it rains.





NEW TESTAMENT

AS THEY NEVER TAUGHT IT IN SUNDAY SCHOOL

AN ADULT EDUCATION CLASS LED BY MARK WORTH

Who can attend? Anyone.

When? the final class is on **Wed. Sept 7** from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

What is it? Mark will be presenting what is taught in seminaries, but is rarely taught in any church.

What can we actually know about the historical Jesus? Who wrote the New Testament? Do we have any eyewitness accounts? Do any Bible accounts of Jesus conflict with others? What did Jesus teach? What parts of the New Testament are probably forgeries? How did Judas manage to die twice? What was the role of women in early Christianity? How did the human Jesus become the divine Christ? What the heck is the Book of Revelation about?

You are welcome to join us!



Are you concerned about attacks on our democracy, the rights of women, LGBTQ, black and indigenous people? The Peace and Social Justice Ministry (PASA) would welcome new members! What are you passionate about? Join us on the third Thursday of every month at 4:30 pm. Contact Barb Acosta drabarb@gmail.com for the Zoom link.

September recommended reading:

Slavery Fueled Our Climate Crisis. Here's How Reparations Can Slow It Down. August 10, 2022. Huffington Post.

Upcoming Events:

Thursday, Sept 8, 6-8pm

UU the Vote Phonebank to Pennsylvania. Sign up: <https://bit.ly/Sept8UUPB>

Request your absentee ballot: The online portal for requesting your absentee ballot for the November election is now open. If you want to vote via absentee, it's better to take care of it now rather than later. Don't procrastinate! Click here to get started.

Saturday, September 10, 10 am - 12:30 pm on Zoom

MUUSAN Network Meeting: UU the Vote and the Midterms

Attend the September Zoom MUUSAN Network Meeting to learn about how we're working to UU the Vote here in Maine, why this state election matters so much for reproductive justice, and how UU the Vote National is helping our congregations get involved in this critical election. Join us!

Register [here](#) or at <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZcvcO6prD4sHdVQF5wNom5sQ2OXkEnVLFJH>

and in the meantime, check out these ways to get involved with electoral justice and the upcoming midterms at <https://www.muusan.org/uuthevote-2022>



UUCE September Hike

Sunday, September 11 at Great Head in Acadia National Park
Meet at **2pm** in the parking lot off Schooner Head Road

2 mile loop of easy to moderate difficulty – a few rock scrambles, some uneven footing, but mostly flat. The Trail offers spectacular ocean views along a coastal headland. Meet at the trail head at the Great Head parking lot, at the end of Schooner Head Road.

Important! RSVP by 5pm Friday September 9 to Kathy Hall, kathy-hall@comcast.net or text 804-514-0462. You will be notified if the hike is changed or cancelled. Hikes with fewer than 4 persons signed up may be cancelled.



Wednesday Morning Matins
Zoom Invite:
<https://uuma.zoom.us/j/96669607701>
Meeting ID: 966 6960 7701
Phone: 646-876-9923

WEDNESDAY MORNING MATINS at 8 am

All are welcome to come and be a part of this ½ hour weekly, contemplative gathering on ZOOM. With music, poetry, readings, silence and space enough for people to share their wisdom, we companion each other with love and gratitude into the day. - Rev. Sara



TUESDAY EVENING VESPERS

TUESDAY VESPERS resumes in October, 2022 and will be Led by Rev. Amy Fiorilli.

FROM OUR BOARD PRESIDENT

GARY SHELLHAMER

I want to begin by wishing Jeffrey Jeude well as he returns to working as a teacher. I appreciated all he did as our administrator (and more). Thank you, Jeff, I know you will still be with us and that a new person in the office will benefit from your willingness to help out as we transition.

We are transitioning in other ways, too. The number of us who choose to attend in-person on Sundays is growing. Our Covid-19 Task Force is still monitoring data, guidelines and recommendations, and advising how UUCE can keep our members and friends healthy. Additionally, your Board of Trustees will be reviewing UUCE's Safer Congregation documents and making sure they are up-to-date. While it is not possible to create total safety, by having policies that address potential issues and are reviewed and updated as needed, we are doing what we can to keep one another as safe as possible at UUCE events.

And, finally, Loaves and Fishes will be leaving our campus soon (projected date as I write this is September 29). As a congregation, we will have the opportunity to turn the 30 x 40' building into space(s) for our church. The suggestion box is still in the church lobby and a Google JAM Board link is on the Website for you to share your ideas. Your board is working on both short-term uses as well as visioning how we will use the building in the future. Once more information is available, there will be discussions on the possible uses. I hope you will help us explore how we can use the building to serve our mission and benefit our congregation.



Remembering Bob Dickens

An Ode to Dickens

by Eva O'Reilly Wagner (below are excerpts from Wagner's poem that she recently posted to Bob's Facebook page)

Last night I learned of your passing
I followed the dog outside
The air buzzing with creatures
I can't recall a time when it was as loud
The wind rustled through the tall cherry above
On the railing, a daddy-long-leg ambled toward me
Searching for meaning
Amid the chatter of the night
The pain in my chest familiar
Shallow breaths were all I could manage
It seemed as if every animal and insect was celebrating -
Shouting from the grasses and the trees
This is it - just this!

...

Your compassion

Honestly...

It exhausted me at times.

I knew I could never be you

Never give of myself so completely

I wondered how you did it

How your mere presence could ease someone's pain

When I might prattle on with platitudes

You were silent and sincere

Just enough

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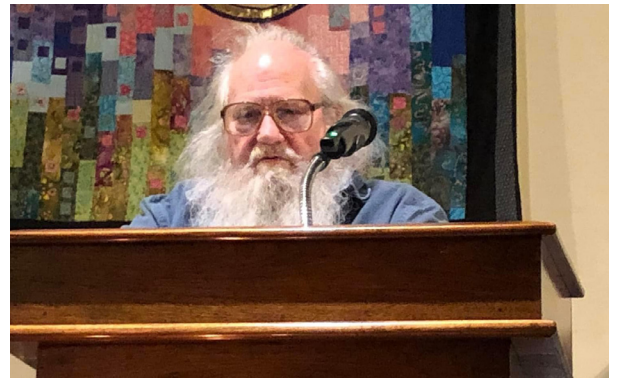
You had faith in me

A confused kid

Your faith was intoxicating

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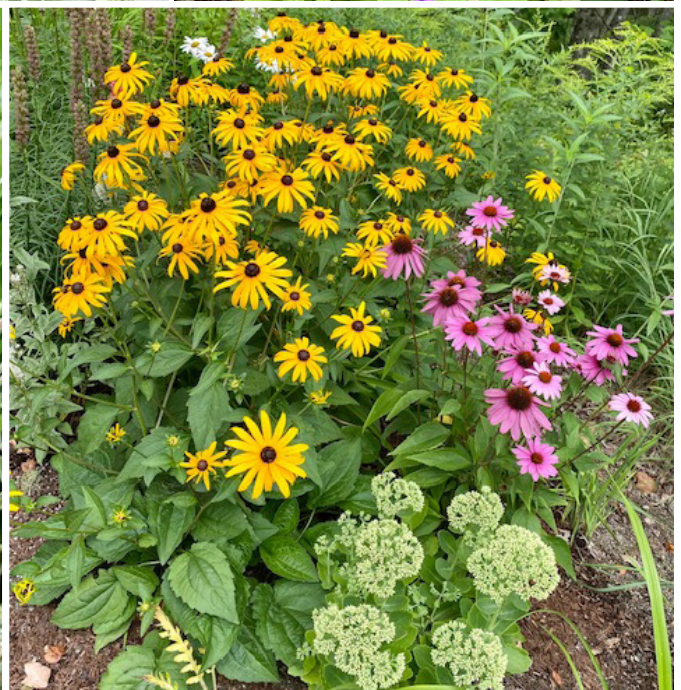
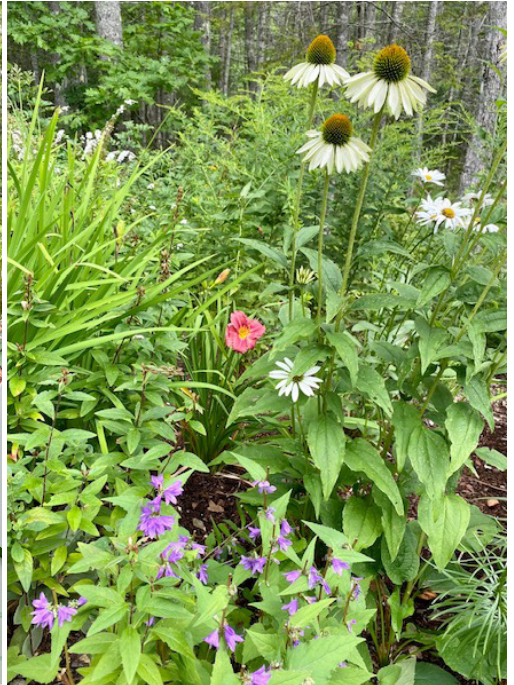
Bob's beloved wife Anne Dickens expresses gratitude for the cards and remembrances of Bob and plans to hold a Memorial Service/Celebration of Life for Bob in late September or early October at UUCE.

We talked of turkey buzzards and Leonard Cohen
The Gardiner and the infamous heist.
We discussed string theory and civil rights
Solved Emanuel's riddles
...
You'd take in all of their pain and hold it there for
them to inspect
Stitching them up like a leather belt
You showed them a way out.
Taught them what they could be
Just as you had done for me.
And miraculously, they transformed.
Were you an angel?
Ha
You'd get a kick out of that!
No
Compliments and kind words not so much -
Your love was much richer
Deeper, palpable.
A place that those around you entered
A warm blanket
An invisible hug.
Not just warm and fuzzy
Quick-witted, sarcastic, stubborn
But never cruel
Bringing injustices to light.
Old Man
Old Turkey Buzzard
Propped up on the bench, arms folded
A sage in front of a sea of books
Our jester
Letting us in on the joke
Two bare, gnarly, feet kicked up simultaneously
When something particularly pleased you.
Signaling, like a puppy dog's tail
In that moment
All was right with the world
You'd toss your head back
Tug on your white beard

Give a snort
Blue eyes twinkling
We'd wait
For that low, deep voice
Like a cello, it would emerge
Wise words followed
Pure poetry
A parable
My mind working out the details as you go
Sometimes it would lead to side-splitting laughter
Other times, a powerful understanding of human
nature
Usually both
Somehow we all knew you'd been there
And back
You got people
No matter where they came from
You wrapped them in your warm metaphysical space
I feel as if my lungs have been severed
Grief is like that
Shallow breaths
What do we do now...
The hardest thing about getting older
Those iconic pillars that prop you up
Start crashing down all around you
You were a pillar to so many
It is morning now
A gray beauty
Depicting the subtle values of every shade and tone
of green
The blue of the cabbage leaf
The white of the unripe tomato
The black furl of the swiss chard
You'd appreciate that
Who cares about that now
The wind rushes as I contemplate this
You are the wind now - filling my shallow breath
I take refuge in the wind
The swollen clouds pour as I write this
It fits this sad, sad day.

In the Gardens

at UUCE



SANKOFA CORNER



Wayne H. Smith
UUCE Historian

FORTY YEARS AGO: REMINISCENCES OF SOCIAL ACTIVITIES IN THE UNITARIAN SOCIETY

A paper by **Mrs. Clara Osgood Hopkins**, read at the fortieth anniversary of the dedication of the Unitarian vestry, Ellsworth, **Dec. 8, 1915**

PART II

In 1875, the year the vestry was built, Rev. Mr. Lyon was our pastor. An attractive young man, full of zeal and of marked ability, he brought many new families into our fold, among them Mr. and Mrs. Hoyt Harden, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Cushman, Mrs. Homer Emerson, Dr. and Mrs. Haynes, Mr. and Mrs. John Eldridge, who have proved valuable acquisitions, loyal, generous helpers. Mrs. Sarah Cunningham joined us at this time – an intellectual leader of the place, a woman very reserved, very refined in her tastes and of far-reaching influence. Her last years were spent in an adjoining town, and when her death came, none of us were able to pay her the last tributes of love and respect. In these reminiscences, it is fitting we express something of the high esteem in which we held her, acknowledging our own indebtedness to her. We love to feel that her association with this church brought her beloved friends, solace, and happiness.

When the building of the vestry was completed, then came the settling and furnishing of the much-desired, long-talked-of rooms. Never was a bride gayer, happier in arranging her first home nest than these dauntless women settling the vestry. There was great excitement over buying the new dishes, and exclamations of delight over the gifts of linen, silver, and all sorts of things to be used either in kitchen or parlor. How rich we felt when we had a brand new woolen carpet for the parlor! But never was a present more gratefully received than that \$35 that the ladies of the Methodist church had given ten years previous to the church fund. I love to remind you of that, as under conditions then existing it was a notable event.

November 10, 1875, the vestry was formally dedicated. A most bountiful supper was served to 200 guests. The society wanted to welcome the whole public, but limited room prohibited, so the society and every person who had in any way contributed partook of this



The First Unitarian Society of Ellsworth after the vestry was added

famous supper. Divine blessing was invoked by Rev. Mr. Mitchell, of the Methodist church. After supper a little time was spent in social conversation and congratulations.

The formal exercises commenced with anthem by choir, followed by prayer of dedication by our pastor. Mrs. Greely, as chairman of the building committee, gave its report, and then, as president of the society, made the opening address. Mr. Cole, of the advisory committee, made a fine speech. Then after an anthem by the choir, "Peace on Earth, Good Will to Men", Rev. Mr. Lyon made an address developing the idea of a church home, concluding in part with these words:

"We dedicate this vestry with the help of God to the closer union of our church in all elevating fellowship. We dedicate it to the encouragement of innocent recreation and fraternal sociability. We dedicate it to practical exercise of Christian hospitality, Christian benevolence, religious training of the young. Long may we gather here for these purposes, and may the pursuit of them help us to be better men and women in all the relations of life.

As one by one we pass from the stage of life, may our children, strengthened by this training, take up the responsibilities we let fall."

Mr. William O. McDonald followed with remarks, speaking specially of the Sunday school. Hon. Eugene Hale congratulated the society upon its happy success, and believed every person in Ellsworth, of whatever religious faith, should rejoice at our prosperity. Mr. Arno Wiswell attributed much praise to Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Savary, who had laid such a splendid foundation. He hoped success would always attend our efforts.

Rev. Mr. Mitchell, of the Methodist church, responded in remarks liberal and manly. The exercises closed with all signing "Nearer My God to Thee", and benediction by the pastor.

The debt incurred proved an impetus to even greater activity. Such fairs, such strawberry festivals, dramatic entertainments, operettas, minstrel shows, and the annual masquerade, given under the auspices of the U. R. C.

Mrs. Greely, as major-general, with Ed. Hopkins and Frank Macomber as first lieutenants, every winter in her store would arrange and do much of the preliminary work for the successful masquerade ball, which to this day affords many bright conversations and hearty laughs.

In enumerating the diverse functions or features of Mrs. Greely's store, an important one was omitted – that of costumer for private theatricals. Any man, young or old, who had been cast in any Unitarian affair, would rely upon Mrs. Greely for suggestions; assistance, if need be, to cut, fit, and sew. What though she laughed herself into hysteria and mere man was paralyzed by conflicting emotions, the results were artistic creations truly wonderfully and fearfully made.

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To appreciate the significance of these entertainments, it is necessary to bear in mind the setting was quite different from the present time. If as a society we were to a degree ostracized, it only strengthened the bond that held us. Our church life, with its various ramifications, was practically our whole life. Please remember, this was before there were so many secret organizations, and clubs for diverse purposes; before the fishing camps and picnic cottages.

The Unitarian circle was a great, social event. After it had outgrown the houses, Waverly hall was hired at an annual rent of \$112. This expense was one of the first reasons for building the vestry. Then, as for so many years later, Mrs. Partridge and Mrs. Abby Joy were the presiding geniuses at every festivity. At that time beloved Mrs. Kent was living in Cambridge, but she soon came back to us and joined that contingency of Thomases, Joys, Morrisons, and others, who made such powerful allies. If they did not march down Bridge hill 100,000 strong, they did come down with a truck team loaded with the biggest clothesbaskets filled with the “bestest” food.

Such crowds! The girls, in their prettiest dresses, I mistrust, because they knew all the young men of the town would be there; and the young men came, I mistrust, because they were sure to find the girls there. For several years the entire crowd remained the long evening.

There was always dancing in Waverly hall, but there was no dancing in our new church home. At the services of dedication the pastor expressed his idea that while there was no objection to dancing, it was not fitting to indulge in it in the room where the Sunday school must meet, and then, the room was so closely connected with the church, that should we gaily dance during the week, when the congregation assembled on Sunday the associations would be frivolous and not make for that serious, religious atmosphere so much to be desired. The circle committee provided tableaux, charades, farces, musical programs of various sorts, that always drew and held the big crowd.

Such reminiscences would be incomplete without reference to the eminent clergymen who sacrificed their own rest to cheer the little new society. Mrs. Savary, herself educated far beyond the women of that day, came of a scholarly family. Through her, her brothers, men well known in the world of letters, and her father, Dr. Hosmer, came to the pulpit. We used to say that Dr. Hosmer’s presence, with his beautifully chiseled features, was in itself a benediction, even if he did not utter one word. Rush R. Shippen, Dr. James Freeman Clarke, Foote, of King’s Chapel; Hepworth, of meteoric fame; that man beloved beyond words, Edward Everett Hale; our dear Dr. Dole, were heard more than once. Dr. Francis Peabody, now so illustrious, preached his maiden sermon in our church, and his fiancée, Miss Weed, of Boston, drove up from Bar Harbor to hear him.

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From the founding of the church the Sunday school was of first importance. In the early days, Gen. Caldwell, a profound reader and magnetic speaker, let a bible class of men that outnumbered our present congregation. Mr. Wm. O. McDonald was the faithful superintendent for many years – loyal, genial through sunshine and shadow.

Our number increased. The school gave most elaborate Sunday school concerts; the Christmas festivals were on a scale hardly dreamed of before or since. A real Santa Claus came down a real chimney, appearing out of a real fireplace on the stage of the vestry, and one never-to-be-forgotten night, Santa appeared in his bright, red sleigh drawn by reindeers, equipped with robes of fur and trappings of gaudiest tinsel, heralded by jingling of bells and gaily-dressed messengers, and drove around Whiting's hall, followed by the children frantic with delight. The younger classes, trained and drilled in singing and fancy dances, appeared as flowers, fairies, witches, princes and princesses, cupids and imps, and gave exhibitions unique and fascinating.

There must have been more hours in a day and more days in a week than now, for no scheme for raising money or entertaining the people was ever rejected on account of the amount of time, energy, or labor involved. Every summer the Sunday school picnic, which was an all-day festivity, was participated in by the same fathers and mothers, sons and daughters who every winter made of the masquerade an all-night revelry.

In 1876, the year following the building of the vestry, the church adopted a new constitution, and elected the following officers: President, J. C. Chilcott; vice-president, Isaac H. Thomas; clerk, J. T. Osgood; treasurer, O. Call; historian, Flora B. Osgood; superintendent of Sunday school, William O. McDonald. Different committees were elected. This is the committee on social gatherings: "E. K. Hopkins, William P. Joy, Millard Avery, S. D. Wiggin, Charles Watts, W. Vernon Cheney, Mrs. Howard Davis, Mrs. Suminsby, Misses Mattie Moore, Julia Jarvis, Georgia Pulsifer, 'Jose' Campbell."

It seems only just to mention a name that does not appear on that committee – Mr. Wellington McFarland – who, with his tenor voice and unfailing good humor, was always a favorite with the audience. For years he and Mr. Hopkins were end-men in those inimitable minstrel shows that always packed Hancock hall to its utmost limit. Frank Brimmer's name often appears on the old program. He was tenor singer, violinist, all-round good fellow. Do you remember that famous Comb orchestra, that favored us with all the popular music of the day, and Millard Avery's playing on four musical instruments at once?

Simply to read these names instantly revives scenes of merriment, which these fun-loving, mirth-provoking, willing workers created. Primarily their purpose was to raise money to pay the debt; in fact, they developed and strengthened the society.

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We have noted that the masquerades were given under the auspices of the U. R. C. – Unitarian Reading Club. This organization deserves more than a passing notice. At that time the taste for literature and culture was far below the standard of the present period, and the stimulating influence of the reading club, which was not confined to the Unitarian society, can hardly be overestimated.

It was organized in 1872. The first meeting was at the home of Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Savary. Perhaps the youngest member, I perfectly remember that first program. Much musical, literary, and dramatic talent was revealed or developed as the seasons rolled.

The secretary's reports were works of art. For several seasons a paper called *The Ellsworth Lever* was conducted – all original articles; and one winter a most romantic, thrilling novel was written by different members. Each writer would revel in the most extraordinary situations, and leave off at the most exciting point.

Many serious courses of study in history and literature were painstakingly pursued. Under the auspices of the U. R. C., some of the celebrated lecturers of the time were brought to Ellsworth, among them Wendell Phillips, Minot Savage, Mary Livermore, Bernard Carpenter, and some high-class musical talent. Dr. Abby Fulton would open her house and give us all an opportunity to meet these distinguished orators and artists.

Once a year the U. R. C. was invited to the home of Miss Otis, at Otis. We received a most cordial welcome, and the privilege of feasting our eyes on the rare china, silver, mahogany, books, and jewels. A banquet fit for the gods was followed by a commendable program. We stood in wholesome awe of Miss Otis' Boston culture and sweet severity of old-school manners.

This club continued without a break through the winter of 1893, when, on reaching its majority, it disbanded. The attendance and interest had been diminishing for a few years, as so many other clubs had sprung into existence and so many of the old members had joined the "choir invisible". The last meeting was held in this very room. There were three persons present, and they were three of the charter members who were present that memorable first night, twenty-one years before – Mr. Chilcott, Mrs. Greely, and myself. We sat around the stove and talked of the days gone by.

But the picture changes; the old dreams vanish. We see the vestry, of which the builders were so justly proud, freshly decorated, attractively re-furnished, dedicated anew in loving remembrance of those builders, as the "memorial parlor". The prayer of the pastor of the first dedication seems about to be fulfilled; men and women of a younger generation are still achieving, still pursuing the grand, sacred purposes for which our church was organized.

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALISM'S 6 SOURCES

The living tradition which we share draws from many sources:

1. Direct experience of that transcending mystery and wonder, affirmed in all cultures, which moves us to a renewal of the spirit and an openness to the forces which create and uphold life;
2. Words and deeds of prophetic people which challenge us to confront powers and structures of evil with justice, compassion, and the transforming power of love;
3. Wisdom from the world's religions which inspires us in our ethical and spiritual life;
4. Jewish and Christian teachings which call us to respond to God's love by loving our neighbors as ourselves;
5. Humanist teachings which counsel us to heed the guidance of reason and the results of science, and warn us against idolatries of the mind and spirit;
6. Spiritual teachings of earth-centered traditions which celebrate the sacred circle of life and instruct us to live in harmony with the rhythms of nature.



UNITARIAN UNIVERSALISM'S 7 PRINCIPLES

We, the member congregations of the Unitarian Universalist Association, covenant to affirm and promote:

1. The inherent worth and dignity of every person;
2. Justice, equity and compassion in human relations;
3. Acceptance of one another and encouragement to spiritual growth in our congregations;
4. A free and responsible search for truth and meaning;
5. The right of conscience and the use of the democratic process within our congregations and in society at large;
6. The goal of world community with peace, liberty, and justice for all;
7. Respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part.



UUCE'S AFFIRMATION OF COVENANT

Love is the spirit of this church,
and service its law;
this is our great covenant:
to dwell together in peace,
to seek the truth in love,
and to help one another.

STAYING CONNECTED

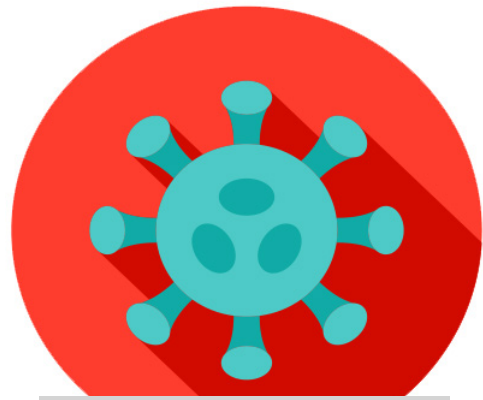
UUCE OFFICE

During this time of mandated isolation to curtail the spread of Covid-19, the Church and Office remain closed. Church Administrator Jeff Jeude is working remotely most of the time, but coming into the office on Wednesday, from 11:00 to 3:00.

You can ALWAYS reach him by phone at 573-330-4677 and email either office@uuellsworth.org.

Support to Set-Up ZOOM Meetings for Church Gatherings

Jeff is able to schedule church-related ZOOM meetings. If you need to schedule a ZOOM meeting for your church purposes, please email him at office@uuellsworth.org or call the church at 207-667-4393 on Wednesdays when he's physically in the building, typically 11:00 a.m. to 3p.m. If your need is urgent and Jeff has not gotten back to you, please call, text or email Rev. Sara Hayman at 207-610-2872 or sara@uuellsworth.org. If possible, please give us several days notice to schedule these ZOOM meetings.



COVID-19 TASK FORCE

UUCE COVID-19 TASK FORCE CONTACT INFORMATION

Mary Haynes:

667-7596 (home)
207-266-2207 (cell/text)

Anne Ossanna:

565-2057 (home)
374-5612 (work)
207-479-6338 (cell/text)

Marta Rieman:

667-7584 (home)
207-479-7250 (cell/text)

Gary Shellehamer:

667-0034 (home)
202-494-3593 (cell/text)

Karen Volckhausen:

667-9212 (home)
207-266-9212 (cell/text)

BREEZE CHECK-IN /REGISTRATION FOR SUNDAY SERVICES

We now have a page on our UUCE website with an instructional video made by our own Jeff Jeude. Here is the direct link: <https://uuellsworth.org/sunday-service-check-in/>

You can also reach it by simply going to our main page and clicking on the MEMBERS tab and then clicking on SUNDAY SERVICE CHECK-IN.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Minister Rev. Sara Hayman: 610-2872 (cell) sara@uuellsworth.org	Children's Religious Education Coordinator Anne Ossanna: 565-2057 aossanna@aol.com
Church Office Administrator Jeff Jeude: 667-4393 office@uuellsworth.org	Music Director & Pianist Wayne Smith: 667-9482 wayne@mrlanguage.com

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

President: Gary Shellehamer to 2023 (667-0034)	Vice President: Beth Pepper to 2023
Treasurer: Alison Stephens to 2024	Secretary: Bob Francis to 2024
Trustee: Mary Murray to 2023	Trustee: Kathy Hall to 2024
Trustee: Sally Gervais to 2023	Moderator: John Fink

COMMITTEE AND TASK FORCE CHAIRS

Adult Committee on Education: vacant	Landscaping and Grounds: Bron Day
Aesthetics: Margaret Thurston	Loaves & Fishes: Beth Pepper, Nina Turner
Auction: vacant	Membership: Liz True
Building & Maintenance/Safety: Susan Opdycke	NUUSletter Editor: Lisa Williams
Charitable Giving: Rev. Sara Hayman	Pastoral Care Ministry: Kay Hansen
Choir: Haydée Foreman	Peace and Social Action: Barb Acosta
Collaborative Ministry: inactive at this time	Publicity: Susan Opdycke
Committee on Ministry: Karen Volckhausen	Children's Religious Education: Linda Uberseder
Congregational Engagement: Evelyn Foster	Small Group Ministry: Mary Murray
Cookie Walk: vacant	Stewardship: Doug Bird
Eggroll Project: vacant	Ushers: Jon Thomas, Ken Hanson
Ferry Beach Director: Anne Ossanna	Technology Coordinator: vacant
Fiscal Matters: Connie Bailey	Wayside Pulpit: Nancy Guy
Flowers: Bronwen Day	Website: Esther Sampol
Green Sanctuary: Paul Kelley	Worship Arts: vacant
History/Archives: Wayne Smith	Yard Sale: Beth Pepper
Hospitality Ministry Coordinator: vacant	Youth Advisor: vacant

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